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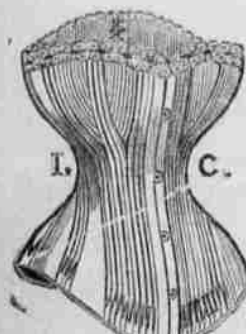
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MY WIFE, MY PARO AND I.

A STRAY LEAF FROM LAS VEGAS.

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You see, I had tuberculosis disease of the lungs, and so they wanted me to go to New Mexico, somewhere on the plateau.

"Take your wife and baby along!" exclaimed Dr. Sumner. "Never! why, the poor little thing isn't six weeks old. I couldn't think of permitting you to expose its fragile existence to the rigors of a winter on the New Mexican plateau. It wouldn't live a month. And as for your wife, she's not enough to take care of herself and the baby, in comfort and at leisure, without having to nurse you and endure hardships into the bargain."

All this was spoken rapidly, and before I could interpose a word. I involuntarily lifted my hand as if in remonstrance, but I let it drop again, and silently admitted the force of the argument.

"You must leave her with her mother or with yours until she is ready to follow you," said Dr. McCredy.

And so it was. My poor little wife, I nearly broke her heart. But it couldn't be helped. Within a week I was ready. The good-bys were awful.

That is how I came to go to New Mexico. Time hung heavily on my hands, and I was reading stories in the newspapers and writing melancholy letters to my wife. I was just managed to escape committing suicide. A position was promised me with a prominent citizen of Las Vegas, who needed the services of one just like me, but he was out of town, and wouldn't be back for several weeks. I had this time to kill.

Idleness is a bad thing for any man, and acquaintances are made in spite of oneself. I was at leisure to make the acquaintance of a young fellow, a few years my senior, one Tony Scott, late of Chicago, but now on the road for a New England mercantile house. Circumstances compelled him to lay over in Las Vegas for a couple of weeks.

He was a fine fellow, as the saying goes, a perfect gentleman, with a thorough knowledge of the world and a sociable companion par excellence. He did me the honor to come to my room, smoke my cigars, drink my liquor and win a V or an X of me, now and then, at various little games. I took a sort of liking to him, and he did to me, for known reasons, and so we became more or less intimate after a while. At any rate, he knew all about my coming to New Mexico; what I knew of him doesn't matter.

I only dragged in the mention to give you to understand how we met many an hour together between the drinking, smoking and playing. He did the smoking—my physicians told me I might smoke any day I was ready to put an end to my existence. Tony was immensely pleased with the portrait of my wife I carried about with me. He himself was a bachelor. At first I was flattered by his compliments to her "beauty and intellectuality," but as he brought the subject up almost every time he came, I began to feel annoyed about it.

"When is she coming to join you?" he asked me one day.

"I don't know. I don't know," I replied, curtly.

"I don't see how you can get along without her."

"Well, I can't very well; but then a fellow must make up his mind to a great many things." And I heaved a deep sigh.

"If I were as sick a man as you were, I'd have my wife with me to nurse me, you can bet," he went on.

I poured out a finger of "blue grass" and gulped it down. I didn't have a word to say for myself. I wanted to have the subject changed. I was about to attempt to effect this when Tony asked, with quick persistence:

"Have you written her of your illness?"

I had, but I didn't say so. I shook my head.

"Noble fellow!" exclaimed Tony. "I bit my lip. He smiled ironically."

"If I were your wife and knew you to lie down here, waiting for me, I'd come on by the next train and throw all secondary considerations to the devil," he continued.

I arose from my seat impatiently and comforted him.

"If it is going to give you any satisfaction to know it," I said suddenly, "then let me tell you that I'm afraid she's on the way here now, but I do sincerely hope it is, for she would go to pieces in this hole in no time."

The weeks went by and I obtained my position. I was so well satisfied with the salary and the quiet, cozy quarters that I didn't think of packing up and coming at once.

I hadn't seen Tony Scott for some time, but he had not forgotten my message. I had not thought of him, and would be here soon. Everything was in readiness for the reception.

First day passed by, and then there was placed in my hands a telegram. I tore the envelope open with an eager gladness.

"She has telegraphed me, immediately on receipt of my letter, that she is coming at once," I soliloquized, smiling all over my face.

"She has saved me a startled look. I must have turned as white as a sheet. The dispatch was from my mother, and read:

"Your letter a mystery. Emma has left here two weeks ago. Answer immediately."

A stronger and a weaker pen than mine would have attempted to analyze my feelings, but mine must be spared the task. I only wonder that I didn't go mad on the spot. My sober reason abandoned the attempt to solve the mystery, but my heart instinctively pointed out an imaginary tell-tale finger at Tony Scott. He had fallen in love with portraits before to-day; they have been villains, schemers, abductors and seducers before to-day, and I had been jealous of his admiration of my wife's portrait before to-day.

I ran to the railroad depot at once and asked everybody employed there more or less questions, but they could not tell me under any circumstances, but I didn't get the least satisfaction out of any of them, or stumble upon the smallest clue. All I could learn was that Tony Scott had come East about ten days ago. The ticket agent thought he had sold him a ticket to Kansas City, but he wasn't sure.

On the wings of the wind I hastened to my employer, told him my pitiful story, and begged him for leave of absence. The request was of course granted immediately.

I threw my valise full of things and departed for Kansas City at once, barely catching the train. I thought my path lay twice across the equator, so long it seemed. I never saw a train crawl so much in all my life before. I had arrived at the central metropolis of the United States more dead than alive, and ran at once to the ticket office both of the road and of the Pullman Company.

"On what night did a young lady with a little baby arrive via Rock Island, and take passage in a sleeper to Las Vegas?"

"We have them every night," I was told. "This one was a black satin cloak, trimmed with fur."

"Dark complexioned, blue eyes?"

"Yes, yes; I remember now. There was some trouble about the baggage, there was no much of it. And, come to think about it, I paid her \$2.50 rebate on her ticket from Chicago."

"Have you the receipt?"

"I presented the request with a green-back and trembling limbs."

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